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E.O. 12065: EOS 9/14/87 (RATRAY, ALEXANDER) OR-E  
TAGS: SREF, EAID  
SUBJ: AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF: TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) STATE 220394; (B) STATE 242114

1. (U) EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED PARTIAL RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS  
SET FORTH IN DEPTTEL (A) IN SEPT 9 LETTER FROM STATES AND  
FRONTIER REGIONS MINISTRY (SAFRON).

2. (U) SAFRON CORRESPONDENCE INDICATES THAT NATIONAL  
LOGISTIC CELL HAS "DRAWN UP NECESSARY PROPOSALS FOR  
OPERATION, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES BEING  
ACQUIRED (FOR REFUGEE RELIEF EFFORT) WHICH ARE UNDER  
REVIEW AND WILL SOON BE FINALIZED." SAFRON HAS REQUESTED  
THAT FUNDS BE SET ASIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF (A) SPARE PARTS  
FOR FIVE-YEAR PERIOD; (B) EQUIPMENT FOR TWO LIGHT MAI-  
TENANCE WORK SHOPS AT QUETTA AND PESHAWAR, AND THAT \$1.6  
MILLION BE ALLOCATED TO COVER OPERATIONAL COSTS FOR ONE  
YEAR. DESCRIPTION OF DESIRED SPARE PARTS PACKAGE WAS NOT  
PROVIDED. LETTER NOTES THAT JAPANESE AND KOREAN DONATIONS  
(SUC TRUCKS AND NISSAN HONDA PICKUPS) ARE CURRENTLY BEING  
MAINTAINED/REPAIRED AT "CIVILIAN" WORK SHOPS AND THAT ISUZU  
TRUCKS ARE NOT YET IN COUNTRY.

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3. (U) SAFRON INDICATES THAT 2X4 TRUCKS WOULD BE SUITABLE

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IN MOST INSTANCES AND SUGGESTS THAT PORTION OF TRUCK PACKAGE (NOT MORE THAN 20 PER CENT) BE 4X4 VEHICLES FOR USE IN REMOTE AND DIFFICULT AREAS.

4. (C) COMMENT: WE BELIEVE IT EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT HLC WILL COME UP WITH EXPLICITLY DEFINED SPARE PARTS PACKAGE IN ANY REASONABLE TIME FRAME (PARTICULARLY SINCE WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO SPECULATE ABOUT TRUCK WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY BE SELECTED FOR USE IN PAKISTAN). EMBASSY THINKS THAT INDIVIDUAL TRUCK MANUFACTURERS ARE BETTER SOURCE OF THIS LOGISTICS CELL

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8. (LOW) WE THINK THAT TRUCK USE SHOULD BE MONITORED BY EMBASSY REFUGEE OFFICER AND THAT FUNDS SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO PERMIT MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT PAKISTAN DURING INITIAL YEAR OR TWO OF OPERATION. WE SHOULD ALSO REQUIRE END-USER REPORTS FROM GOP AND RAKE ANNUAL OR BI-ANNUAL PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF TRUCK FLEET. THIS WOULD PROVIDE US WITH NEEDED INFO ON VEHICLE USAGE (AS WELL AS AN INEVITABLE STREAM OF REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING).

9. (U) EMBASSY IS CONSULTING WITH ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE ON PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 OF STATE 220394. KING

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